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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: AFGHAN REPRESENTATION AT MIDDLE EAST SUB-
COMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC

REF: A) STATE 120187(NOTAL) B) KABUL 7640 (DEC 30, 1972)

1. RE PARA 4 REF, POLOFF MET WITH HASAN NURULLAH TOLON (FIRST SECRETARY, TURKISH EMBASSY, KABUL) ON JUNE 23. TOLON FRANKLY STATED THAT U. S. MISSION KABUL SHOULD NOT EXPECT ANY REPRESENTATION FROM TURKISH EMBASSY KABUL TO RGA (SPECIFICALLY TO GHAS) RE SENDING AN AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBJECT SUBCOMMISSION UNLESS TURKISH EMBASSY RECEIVES EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION TO THIS EFFECT FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ANKARA. WHEN POLOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT TOLON' S REMARK, LATTER STATED THAT TO DATE TURKISH PERMREP TO UN KIRCA IN GENEVA HAD BEEN SOLE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND TURKISH INITIATIVE WITH RGA ON NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND THAT THIS WAS A PERSONAL ENDEAVOR BY PERMREP BASICALLY TO INFLATE HIS OWN IMAGE AND IMPORTANCE IN GENEVA. ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM HIM TO ANKARA CALLING FOR TURKISH INITIATIVE WITH RGA ON NARCOTICS PROGRAM HAS BEEN RELAYED TO TURKISH EMBASSY KABUL WITHOUT COMMENT BY TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE. TURKISH EMBASSY INTERPRETS THIS TO MEAN THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ALONG THESE LINES UNLESS INSTRUCTED

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OTHERWISE BY ANKARA. ALTHOUGH THEY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CAUSE, TURKISH EMBASSY KABUL INTENDS TO ABIDE BY THEIR CURRENT INTERPRETATION OF SITUATION.

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE ATTITUDE EXPRESSED BY TURKS HERE EMBOFF WHO CALLED ON GHAS JUNE 23 IN CONNECTION OTHER MATTER REPORTED SEPTEL URGED THAT RGA SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO MEETING AND SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IN TIME FOR ECOSOC APPROVAL. GHAS SAID UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD RGA SUBMIT NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ECOSOC FOR PRIOR APPROVAL, NOTING THAT MEMBERSHIP IN ECOSOC AND SUBCOMMISSION WAS IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENTS RPT GOVERNMENTS AND NOT RPT NOT NAMED REPRESENTATIVES. HE SAID THIS SUBCOMMISSION NOT RPT NOT MADE UP OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHERE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE REQUIRED PRIOR APPROVAL.

3. GHAS THEN REVIEWED ENTIRE HISTORY OF SUBCOMMISSION, NOTING IN PAST THAT RGA HAD PARTICIPATED IN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND RESERVED ITS POSITION CONCERNING AD HOC COMMITTEE TRANSFORMATION TO PERMANENT STATUS. HE SAID IT HIS RECOLLECTION THAT PAKISTAN AND TURKEY ALSO RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS IN LIGHT RGA RESERVATIONS, NOTING THAT IF AFGHANS DID NOT PARTICIPATE THERE NO RPT NO VALIDITY TO PERMANENT GROUP. GHAS QUESTIONED UTILITY OF PERMANENT BODY, NOTING THAT COSTS OF MEETINGS, TRAVEL, ETC., COULD BETTER BE UTILIZED BY TRANSFERRING SUCH FUNDS TO UNFDAC TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO COMBAT ILLICIT DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC. THIS ESSENTIALLY SAME LINE GHAS TOOK IN DECEMBER RE CONVERSION AD HOC COMMITTEE INTO PERMANENT SUBCOMMISSION (REF B).
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